

TRADUCER GRAVES ANSWERED.

Extracts from the Address of Hon. Judson W. Lyons, Delivered at Kalamazoo, Mich., on Labor Day.

In view of John Temple Graves' assertion in his Chicago speech, that the presence of the colored man in the South hampers material development, deters agricultural improvement and obstructs and impedes progress generally, we quote a passage from the address of the Hon. J. W. Lyons, delivered at Kalamazoo, Mich., on September 7th, Labor Day, about which so much has been said by the western papers:

"It is said and the assertion appears to be founded in fact that they, the colored people, do four-fifths of the agricultural labor of the late slave-holding states, and about all of the un-skilled labor. Their share, therefore, in the production of the cotton crop of 10,000,000 bales would be 8,000,000 bales and this at the Roosevelt price of 12 cents per pound, each bale averaging 500 pounds, will amount to \$480,000,000. Corn, 496,000,000 bushels, worth \$148,000,000. Wheat, 58,400,000 bushels, \$46,720,000, and oats, 77,000,000 bushels worth \$26,160,000. His share in the production of rice amounts to \$7,497,032.35. Cane molasses crop, \$22,409,150.40. Cotton seed oil, \$80,000,000. Thus we see that in the cotton, corn, wheat, rice and oats and cane molasses, etc., the colored man produces annually \$911,786,182.75; a sum equal to \$11.09 for every inhabitant of this country, or, \$91.73 per capita for every individual of the race. In this connection I desire to call attention to the fact, that our government has become one of the great world powers, and ranks foremost among exporting nations of the earth. In the products exported, cotton is still king; for it constitutes over 21 per cent. or more than one fifth of the total exports. Now, when it is borne in mind that the colored race by its labor produces over four-fifths of this wealth, it can be easily seen how indispensable it is to even proud America.

This magnificent showing is only in the agricultural field of labor; but when their skilled mechanics can get employment, they are equally faithful in the discharge of their duties as they are on the farm. Some of the finest buildings erected in the South testify to their splendid knowledge of the trades.

Dr. T. V. Tunnell has returned to this city after spending a month abroad.

Mr. A. J. Gaskins returned from a thirty-days' trip to California and other western points last Tuesday.

COLORED MINERS MEET

At Terre Haute, Ind., to Bring About Closer Union—Color Prejudice in Labor Circles.

Danville, Ill., Special.—The colored coal miners of Danville, Ill., met in a business session at Westville on the 13th of Sept., for the purpose of holding a meeting to send delegates to the colored miners meeting at Terre Haute, Ind. The meeting was called to order at 2.30 p. m., Mr. Richard Robertson was appointed Temporary Chairman and Mr. Henry Saunders was appointed Secretary. The Chairman after a few remarks by the different members of the body, appointed delegates to the Terre Haute Convention to discuss the matter of labor and questions of the Negro coal miners of the District of Terre Haute and adjacent mines.

The following delegates were elected: Richard Robertson, Henry Saunders, Wm. Ball, Jno. Morris, T. B. Kiner. Delegations are expected from the different points in Illinois, from Indiana and from Ohio and many discussions of the labor question are anticipated. While the colored miners are members of the United Mine Workers of America, they are discriminated against and steps will be taken to stop this discrimination as far as possible. The Colored American has been selected as the organ of the colored miners at Danville and Westville and will be made the organ of the consolidated body which meets in Terre Haute. More anon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gaines, of Capitol Hill, left Tuesday night for Easthampton, Mass., by way of Boston, accompanied by their oldest son, Frank Gaines, Jr., who will enter Williston College of that place as a Sophomore. Young Gaines was an honorman at the M street High School and takes to the eastern college a record for deportment and good work.



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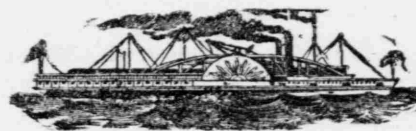
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